

ABSTRACT

A bipolar electrosurgical instrument and method for use is provided. The instrument includes a handle at a proximal end, active and return electrodes at a distal end that are electrically insulated from one another, a shaft extending therebetween, and a converting element including an electrically conductive portion. The converting element is movable between a first position wherein the electrically conductive portion is in electrical contact with the active electrode and not the return electrode, and a second position wherein the electrically conductive portion is not in electrical contact with the active electrode.